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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
PORTMANN ET AL.

Examiner: Chang, Celia C.
Art Unit: 1625

APPLICATION NO: 10/787,528

FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004

FOR: CRYSTAL MODIFICATIONS OF 1-(2,6-DIFLUOROBENZYL)-1H-
1,2,3-TRIAZOLE-4-CARBOXAMIDE

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above referenced office action, mailed on October 19, 2004, and having a period of response set to expire on January 19, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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